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PASS TO DR. JOHN BRYANT HEW/OIH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WPRO/WHO - WORLD HEALTH MEETING, MANILA -
ELECTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 209552, (B) STATE 207344

1. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 29TH REGIONAL COMMITTEE
OF WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE WAS UNEVENTFUL AND UN-
CONTESTED ON AUGUST 21. DR. A.N. ACOSTA, ASSISTANT MOH,
PHILIPPINES WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN 29TH SESSION. DR. S.
FOLIAKI, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TONGA ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN.

2. JAPANESE DELEGATION, UNDER CLOSE OBVIOUS DIRECTION
OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MANILA, CONDUCTED STRONG AND WELL-
ORGANIZED LOBBY FOR THEIR CANDIDATE NAKAJIMA UP UNTIL
FINAL VOTE. JAPANESE DELEGATION INVITED US DELEGATION
(FISCHER AND VAN DER VLUGT) FOR DINNER SATURDAY, AUGUST
19, ESPECIALLY TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR THEIR CANDIDATE.
JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL CLAIMED TO UNDERSTAND U.S. PO-
SITION REGARDING VOTE AND REQUESTED THAT USG ABSTAIN
FROM VOTING IF US COULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO JAPAN. U.S.
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CHIEF OF DELEGATION INTIMATED NO HINT OF U.S. POSITION.
JAPANESE KNEW VOTE WAS VERY CLOSE AND INFORMALLY BELIEVED
THEY HAD LOST. HOWEVER, NAKAJIMA WON FINAL VOTE, WITH 9
VOTES FOR NAKAJIMA, 7 FOR NOORDIN WITH NO ABSTENTIONS.
THREE DELEGATIONS WERE ABSENT (FIJI, LAOS, KAMPUCHEA).
BOTH NAMES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR
FINAL APPOINTMENT FOR 5-YEAR DIRECTORSHIP BEGINNING JULY

1, 1979.

3. AS OF AUGUST 21, 1978, DRS. PAUL GODINET AND MASAO
KUMAGMAI HAVE NOT, REPEAT NOT, ARRIVED MANILA TO PARTI-
CIPATE IN U.S. DELEGATION TO WPRO. MURPHY

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